

ACTION PLAN

In August 2010 the members of the Manawatū River Leaders’ Forum signed an Accord to take action to improve the state of the Manawatū River. The Accord set out a focus, vision, and goals for the River.

Our goal is to improve the Manawatū River, the mauri (lifeforce) of the Manawatū River Catchment, such that it sustains fish species, and is suitable for contact recreation, in balance with the social, cultural and economic activities of the catchment community.

This goal represents a community opportunity to develop leadership in catchment improvement and capture the social and economic benefits of such leadership.

1. The Manawatū River becomes a source of regional pride and mana.
2. Waterways in the Manawatū Catchment are safe, accessible, swimmable, and provide good recreation and food resources.
3. The Manawatū Catchment and waterways are returned to a healthy condition.
4. Sustainable use of the land and water resources of the Manawatū Catchment continues to underpin the economic prosperity of the Region.

Here’s a summary of what’s planned...

**Kei te ora te wai,
kei te ora te whenua,
kei te ora te tangata.**

**If the water is healthy,
the land and the people
are nourished.**

THE MANAWATŪ RIVER FLOWS THROUGH ALL OF US. IT SHAPES OUR REGION AND REFLECTS OUR PEOPLE. IT IS PRECIOUS BECAUSE IT IS OURS. NOW IS THE TIME TO STAND UP AND TAKE OWNERSHIP. WE NEED TO IMPROVE AND PROTECT THE MAURI (LIFEFORCE) AND ECOLOGICAL HEALTH OF THE MANAWATŪ RIVER CATCHMENT FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

SIGNATORIES

Department of Conservation
Fish & Game NZ - Wellington Region
Fonterra
Horizons Regional Council
Horowhenua District Council
Landcorp Farming Limited
Manawatu District Council
Manawatu Estuary Trust
Massey University
Muaupoko Tribal Authority
Nga Hapu O Himatangi
Nga Kaitiaki O Ngati Kauwhata Inc.
NZ Pharmaceuticals Limited
Palmerston North City Council
Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Inc.
Silver Fern Farms
Taiao Raukawa Environmental Trust
Tanenuiarangi Manawatu Incorporated
Tararua District Council
Te Kaunihera Kaumatua O Rangitane Ki Manawatu
Te Kauru
Te Rangimarie Marae
Te Runanga O Raukawa Inc.
Water & Environmental Care Association Inc.

E kore a Parawhenua e haere ki te kore a Rakahore

Water wouldn't move if it wasn't for rock - Partnership in ventures is essential for success

OURS.
THE **MANAWATŪ RIVER**
LEADERS’ ACCORD

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WHAT'S HAPPENING
AND WHERE?

The Manawatū Catchment is broken down into nine areas we call sub-catchments. Refer to the action points detailed on the map below to see a summary of what we are planning to do.

KEY ACTION POINTS



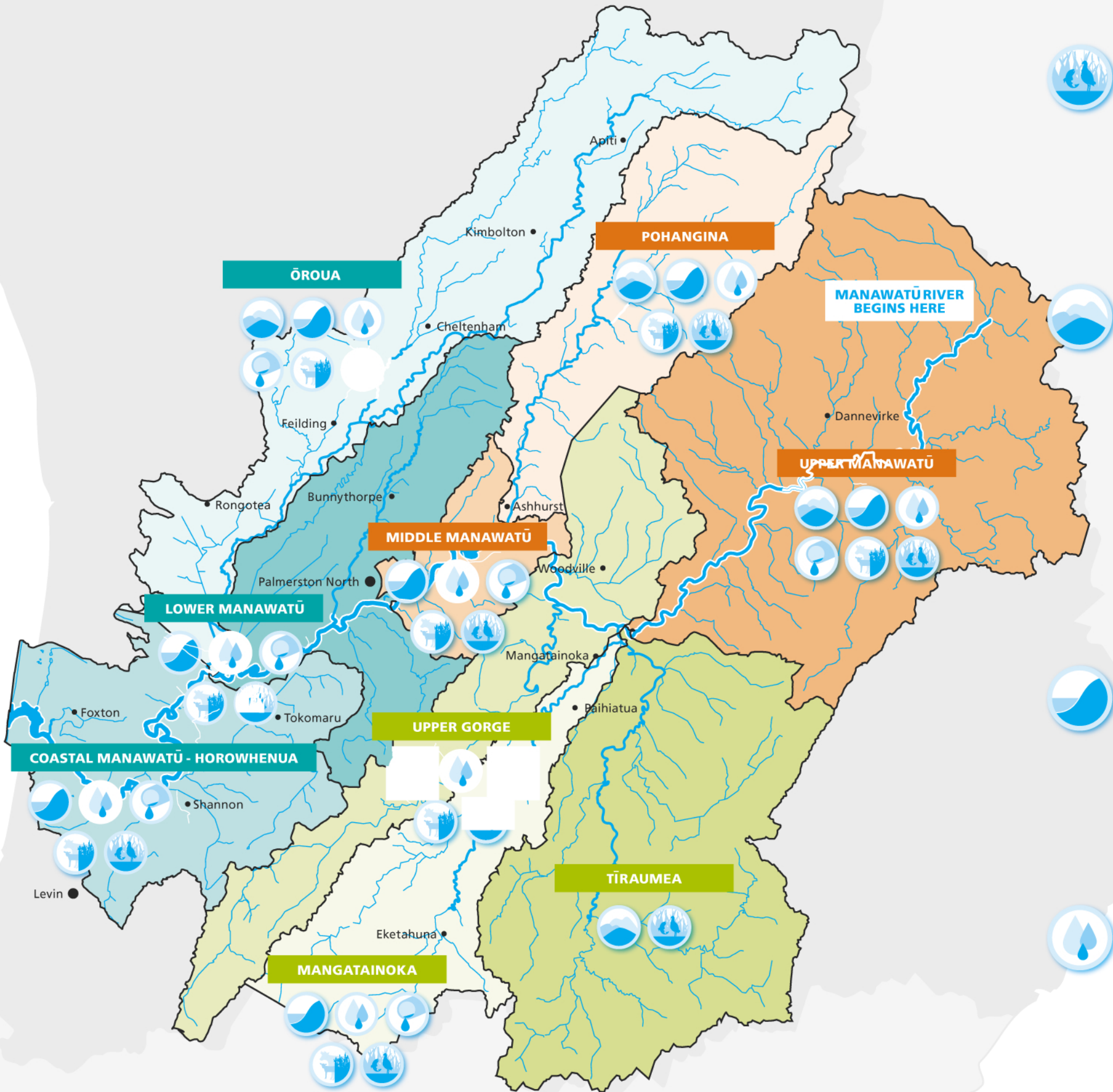
- REDUCE THE NUTRIENT AND PATHOGENS FROM POINT SOURCE DISCHARGES THROUGH:**
- resolving outstanding resource consent applications
 - ensuring discharges meet regional water quality standards
 - meeting resource consent conditions, compliance monitoring and enforcement
 - requiring resource consents for stormwater discharges



- REDUCE THE RUN-OFF OF SEDIMENT, NUTRIENTS AND PATHOGENS FROM INTENSIVE LAND-USE SUCH AS DAIRYING AND CROPPING THROUGH:**
- meeting resource consent conditions, compliance monitoring and enforcement
 - achieving the Dairying and Clean Stream Accord targets
 - adoption of Nutrient Management Plans and promotion of nutrient use efficiency

MILESTONES

1990	2000	2010	2020+
<div>Manawatū Catchment Water Quality Plan: Removes dairy effluent discharge from water</div> <div>Sets standards on phosphate levels for point source discharge</div>	<div>Horizons launches Sustainable Land Use Initiative to address erosion of hill-country land</div> <div>Palmerston North City Council upgrades sewage treatment plant</div> <div>All major water takes in the Catchment meet agreed standards</div>	<div>Manawatū River Leaders Accord signed and action plan agreed</div> <div>2012 Dairy and Clean Streams Accord targets met</div> <div>All major consent applications resolved</div> <div>Horizons Regional Council One Plan becomes operative</div> <div>All high value bush and wetlands protected</div>	<div>Waterways in the Catchment are safe, accessible and provide for recreation and food sources</div> <div>Sustainable land and water resources of the Catchment continue to underpin the economic prosperity of the Region</div> <div>Waterways are returned to a healthy condition</div> <div>The River becomes a source of regional pride and mana</div>



- PROTECT AREAS OF HABITAT FOR NATIVE FISH, BIRDS AND TROUT BY:**
- fencing and planting streams and bush/wetland areas, and pest control
 - removing fish barriers
 - meeting resource consent conditions, compliance monitoring and enforcement



- REDUCE SEDIMENT RUN-OFF FROM EROSION PRONE FARMLAND, THE RURAL ROAD NETWORK, AND AREAS OF MAJOR EARTHWORKS THROUGH:**
- continuation of Horizons Regional Council's Sustainable Land Use Initiative
 - adoption of road maintenance and earthworks best practice management practices
 - meeting resource consent conditions, compliance monitoring and enforcement
 - adoption of best practice management for earthworks



- REDUCE THE IMPACT OF FLOOD CONTROL AND DRAINAGE SCHEMES BY:**
- ensuring all works are undertaken in accordance with Codes of Practice
 - meeting resource consent conditions, compliance monitoring and enforcement
 - making greater use of plants on river banks



- PREVENT OVER-USE OF WATER BY:**
- ensuring consented takes meet regional standards
 - meeting resource consent conditions, compliance monitoring and enforcement
 - ensuring metering of all major water takes